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TELEGRAPH STRIKE GROWS SERIOUS

OPERATORS ARE STILL OUT AND
THERE SEEMS LITTLE HOPE
OF AN EARLY SETTLE-
MENT OF STRIKE.

Local Offices of Both Western Union
and Postal Are Closed, and the
Only Messages Received
Here Come by Mail.

The telegraph operators' strike is no nearer to a settlement than when it began several weeks ago. The strikers remain firm, and declare that the only condition under which they will return to work is an unconditional surrender to their demands on the part of the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies. These demands include an increased wage scale and an eight hour day, and stipulate that all typewriters used in the various offices must be furnished by the telegraph companies. Heretofore the operators have been required to furnish their own typewriters, and those who did not possess machines were compelled to rent them, paying five dollars per month rental for each machine.

The newspapers have not been as greatly discommoded by the strike as the general public. The service of the Associated Press has been greatly crippled, but many of the leading dailies of the country have gone over to the Hearst syndicate, and are receiving full telegraphic reports each day. Mr. Hearst signed the union scale more than a year ago, and none of the operators employed by him have as yet gone out.

As far as telegraphic communication with the outside world is concerned, Columbus might as well be off the map. The local offices of both the Western Union and Postal have been closed ever since the strike began, and the only telegrams received here are those that come by mail. The principal wires in the local offices run to Memphis, New Orleans and Birmingham, and the operators in these offices are too busy to send messages out to the smaller cities, even if there were any one here to receive them. In the larger cities the only men at work are the superintendents, managers and chief operators, and they are devoting all of their time to the lines between relay points.

The strike has come at a most inopportune time for the people in this section, as the primary election occurred last Thursday, and the lack of telegraphic communication between the different towns and cities made it impossible to secure returns with any degree of promptness. Then too, the cotton season will soon open up, and the inconvenience will be greater than ever before. Cotton brokers make liberal use of the telegraph wires both in buying and in obtaining quotations, and while the brokers' wires, over which quotations are received, are still in operation, the inefficient service of the commercial telegraph companies will be a serious hamper to business transactions.

Mrs. Ada Butts Dead.

Mrs. Ada Butts, the beloved wife of Mr. J. D. Butts, died at her home on North Seventh street at 11:30 o'clock last Thursday night, her death having resulted from brain fever. Mrs. Butts, who at the time of her death was 45 years of age, was a most estimable Christian lady, and was esteemed and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by a husband and three children, to whom the sympathy of The Dispatch is extended.

The body was taken to Artesia for interment, the funeral having occurred there Friday and having been conducted by Rev. J. W. Shoaff, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church. Capt. F. M. Leigh, Dr. W. W. Westmoreland, Messrs. W. C. Gunter, A. E. Love, D. S. Cox and R. E. Ellis officiated as pall bearers in conveying the body from the family residence to the railway station.

Little Roy Leech Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Leech have the sympathy of numerous friends in the death of their infant son, Roy, which occurred last Friday. The funeral took place at the family residence at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. Roy Chandler, pastor of the Southeast Baptist Church.

WILL DEVELOP NORMAL COURSE

PROF. WHITFIELD, THE NEWLY
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF I.
& C., WILL ENLARGE
THIS DEPARTMENT.

Two New Teachers Have Been Se-
cured. Prof. H. P. Hughes Hav-
ing Been Appointed Dean
of the Department.

Hon. H. L. Whitfield, who recently succeeded Hon. A. A. Kincannon as president of the Industrial Institute and College, is making active preparations for the opening of the twenty-third annual session of that institution, which will take place Wednesday, September 25th. In conversation with a Dispatch reporter Prof. Whitfield said that though as State superintendent of education he had been an ex-officio member of the board of trustees of the institution for nearly ten years, he had no idea of its magnitude until he was elected president and made a thorough examination of the plant. He says that it is undoubtedly one of the largest educational institutions in the South, and one of which the people of the State may well feel proud.

The college, as every one knows, is in a most prosperous condition, and for several years past has received applications from a larger number of young ladies than could possibly be accommodated. This summer the number of applications has been unusually large, and when the school opens in September the dormitories will be crowded to their utmost capacity. In a school as great as this quite a large sum is needed each year to make the necessary repairs, and Prof. Whitfield thinks that when the magnitude of the school is taken into consideration the expenditures of past years have been exceedingly small. In addition to some necessary repairs there are many improvements to be made during the next twelve months, and the friends of the institution throughout the State sincerely hope that the next legislature will provide for these repairs and improvements by making a very liberal appropriation. In addition to another dormitory, the institution is badly in need of modern, scientific apparatus. A magnificent science hall has recently been erected, but there was no appropriation made for equipment, and the work in this department is seriously hampered by lack of proper apparatus.

The institution was established with a view to furnishing the white girls of Mississippi an opportunity to obtain a thorough education, and three courses—normal, industrial and literary—were provided for. As State superintendent of education, Prof. Whitfield has been brought face to face with the urgent demand for competent teachers in our public schools, and in order to supply this demand he has determined to enlarge and perfect the normal department of the college. With this end in view two new teachers, Prof. H. P. Hughes and Miss Annie I. Hearst, have been secured. Prof. Hughes, who for several years past has been superintendent of public schools at McComb City, will be dean of the department, and will have as his assistants Miss Hearst and Miss Annie L. Fant, who for a number of years past has been mistress of pedagogy at the college.

When asked about the lyceum attractions to appear at the college, Prof. Whitfield said that he had not had time to devote much thought to the matter, but would likely follow the same course so successfully pursued by Mr. Kincannon, which was, in addition to maintaining a regular lyceum course, to give the students and the people of Columbus an opportunity to hear two or three artists of international reputation during the progress of each session. Madame Schuman-Heink has already been booked for an appearance next winter, and other equally celebrated attractions will be secured later.

The Burris Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Burris of this city, who have been spending the past six weeks at the resorts of Virginia, were present at the annual reunion of the Burris family, which was held last week at Anderson, S. C. The reunion was one of the largest ever held in South Carolina, more than eight hundred members of the Burris family having been present.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Second Primary, Thursday, August 22, 1907, Lowndes County, Miss.

Name	Caledonia	Columbus	Steens	Mr. Vernon	Old Zion	Trinity	Crawford	Artesia	Thomas Stone	Mayhew	Total
For Governor—											
E. F. Noel.....	144	329	27	57	13	11	41	25	33	20	700
Earl Brewer.....	207	366	33	25	9	7	19	21	9	8	704
For Lieutenant Governor—											
Luther Manship.....	176	309	16	20	9	3	22	8	36	...	599
Wylie N. Nash.....	168	347	14	61	12	15	38	38	6	28	757
For R. R. Comm'—											
W. R. Scott.....	271	492	32	67	18	6	14	21	36	22	979
L. N. Rivers.....	71	158	27	15	3	12	47	25	6	...	369
For Penitentiary Trustee—											
L. T. Taylor.....	286	358	30	30	18	6	58	23	38	17	864
M. P. Bishop.....	61	299	27	51	3	12	3	22	4	9	491
For Sheriff—											
W. D. Prowell.....	227	300	34	31	14	11	19	27	32	21	716
B. D. Ervin.....	125	406	26	51	8	7	42	19	10	7	701
For County Treasurer—											
W. E. Pope.....	150	328	38	31	10	11	17	28	23	10	646
R. S. Curry.....	198	366	22	50	12	7	44	18	19	18	754

E. F. NOEL WINS OUT IN GUBERNATORIAL RACE

According to the latest returns, Hon. E. F. Noel won out in the gubernatorial race last Thursday, having defeated his opponent, Hon. Earl Brewer, by a safe majority.

The result of the election was in doubt up to Friday night, as the strike of the telegraphers made it impossible to secure returns promptly. The telegraph wires were practically useless, and most of the returns received on Friday came in by telephone. There are a number of counties in the State that have no telephone service, and returns from

these counties were naturally delayed. All counties have now been heard from, however, and Captain Noel's nomination is conceded.

This has been a year of close races and the gubernatorial contest Thursday was no exception to the rule. Capt. Noel's majority having been comparatively small. The official vote will not be definitely known until the returns have been canvassed by the State Democratic Executive Committee, but a careful estimate which is believed to be approximately correct places his majority at 1236.

Vicksburg Took Three Straights.

The Discoverers concluded their long stay at home with a series of three games against Vicksburg on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and will take the road today, returning with Blackburn's bunch to the Hill City, where they open a series of three games today. The Hill Billies outclass the Discoverers, and about the only amusement local fans derived from the engagement was furnished by Umpire Mackey Friday afternoon. A treatment of oil of mustard puts the pigskin in such a condition that no pitcher can throw the celebrated "spit" ball, and somebody gave one of the balls in play Friday afternoon a mustard bath. After having handled the ball a few times Mackey happened to put his fingers to his mouth, and the smile which usually bedecks his countenance gave place to a look of pain. He said some things which only those acquainted with baseball parlance understood, and requested Scorer Blumh to bring into play the muscles of his good right arm in an effort to "cloud" the ball. The name of the unscrupulous gentleman who was so inconsiderate of Umpire Mackey's feelings, or rather his taste, as to subject the ball to a treatment of oil of mustard has not been learned. Many umpires

might have become indignant, but Mackey is a good fellow, and treated the matter good naturedly.

The Vicksburg series introduced to Columbus "Rabbit" Plass, the Southern League shortstop recently released by Memphis. Plass is not near as fast in the field as Huber, nor does he hit as well as the foxy little Columbus shortstop. He was really a disappointment, the consensus of opinion among local fans being that Huber can "play rings around him."

Vicksburg took the opener Thursday afternoon by a score of four to nothing, and went the Discoverers one better Friday afternoon, having shut them out in a five to nothing game. Bishop and Kunkle and Taylor and Krebs formed the opposing batteries Thursday afternoon, while on Friday Cox and Harlow were pitted against Goodwin and Krebs. Illness among the Discoverers necessitated changes in the local line-up in both of the games. On Thursday Campbell was sick and Harlow played first base, while on Friday the illness of Manush forced Kunkle to play third base, his place behind the bat having been taken by Harlow.

Vicksburg made it three straights yesterday, having won the closing game by a score of three to two. Wheeler pitched for Columbus.

WILL DISCUSS MODERN FARMING

HON. E. S. CANDLER AND PARTY
OF EXPERTS FROM GOOD
ROADS DEPARTMENT
TO TOUR DISTRICT.

Will Tell the Farmers About the Ad-
vanced Methods in Preparing
the Soil and in the Cultiva-
tion of the Crops.

Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr., the efficient congressman from the First district, in company with a number of experts from the public roads and forestry departments, will shortly make a tour of the district for the purpose of instructing the farmers in advanced agricultural methods. Included in Mr. Candler's party will be Prof. J. A. Bonsteel, of the bureau of soils; Prof. R. S. Wilson, of the bureau of plant industry; Prof. R. S. Kellogg, of the forestry service, and Prof. M. O. Eldridge, of the public roads department. All these gentlemen are experts in their respective lines, and in addressing the farmers of the First district will present the latest and most improved methods of agriculture and horticulture, and will also give instruction in the making and maintenance of good roads. They will give valuable information regarding the nature of the products to which the different soils are adapted, and will instruct the farmers in the preparation of the soil, the planting and cultivation of the crops, and in harvesting the yield.

The tour of the party will be inaugurated at Iuka on Monday, September 2nd, and the itinerary will include all the principal cities and towns in Mr. Candler's district. The party will be at Caledonia on Wednesday, September 11th, and will be here the following day. The speaking at Columbus will occur on Thursday, September 12th, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the farmers of the surrounding country and the people generally are cordially invited to be present. The ladies are extended a special invitation to attend the speaking.

An Honor Worthily Bestowed.

Dr. Jno. E. Davis, of this city, has been elected to fill the chair of surgery at the Mississippi Medical College in Meridian, and will deliver lectures there during the coming winter. This is a high tribute to Dr. Davis' knowledge and skill, and an honor which, though well merited, came entirely unsolicited. Dr. Davis was not an applicant for the position, having been elected by the trustees simply because they knew him to be splendidly qualified for the position.

The friends of Dr. Davis in Columbus will learn with pleasure that the duties of the position will not require him to relinquish his residence here. He will make special trips to Meridian each week for the purpose of delivering lectures and will continue his practice here, also retaining his interest in the Columbus Hospital.

Contract Not Awarded.

The building committee of the First Baptist church met yesterday for the purpose of awarding the contract for the new edifice which is to be erected on North Seventh street. Architect Hunt, who was expected to attend the meeting, was unable to reach Columbus in time for the meeting, so it was decided to postpone the awarding of the contract until he can be here to advise the committee in its action.

Drunk Negro Fined.

Will Billups, colored, was before Mayor Donnell yesterday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$25.00. Billups got drunk in East Columbus Friday afternoon and discharged his pistol several times. He was arrested by Officers Thames and Cook, and had a trial before Mayor Donnell yesterday morning with the above stated result.

Miss Pauline Propst, after a delightful visit to relatives in Millport, Ala., returned to the city yesterday, having been accompanied by her two cousins, Misses Lucile and Beatrice Richards, who will spend some time here as her guests.

Mr. A. E. Love, the very competent manager of the shoe department of Beard's store, left yesterday afternoon for Eastern markets to buy his shoe stock for the fall and winter trade, and will be gone several weeks.

PROWELL AND CURRY NOMINEES

PRIMARY RESULTED IN NOMINA-
TION OF CAPT. PROWELL AS
SHERIFF AND DR. CUR-
RY AS TREASURER.

The Sheriff's Race Was Exceedingly
Close, Capt. Prowell Having
Defeated Mr. Ervin by
Only Fifteen Votes.

The second Democratic primary was held last Thursday, and there was a large vote polled. The weather was ideal and there was a great deal of interest manifested both in the governor's race and the race for sheriff and treasurer, the two county offices for which incumbents were selected.

In the sheriff's race, Capt. W. D. Prowell was the victor, having defeated his opponent, Mr. B. D. Ervin, by a small majority. Capt. Prowell received 716 votes, while the total vote polled by Mr. Ervin was 701. While no one can ever forecast the outcome of a political contest with any degree of accuracy, the result of the sheriff's race was, to say the least, anomalous. In the first primary Mr. Ervin received 637 votes, while all three of his opponents combined could muster up but 929, of which number Capt. Prowell, the next highest man, had 434. In the second contest, however, the strength of the retiring candidates seems to have gone to Capt. Prowell, and he was declared the nominee. Capt. Prowell is a member of one of the most prominent families in the county, and is a man of sterling qualities. He will make a splendid sheriff, and The Dispatch joins his numerous friends in extending congratulations to him upon his election.

While the race for county treasurer was spirited and hard fought, it was not so close as the sheriff's race, Dr. R. S. Curry having received 754 votes, while his opponent, Capt. W. E. Pope, got only 648. Both the candidates are excellent gentlemen, and many people regretted that they could not vote for both. Dr. Curry, the nominee, has always been a patriotic and enterprising citizen, and richly deserves the honor which has been conferred upon him by his constituents.

The Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee met Friday for the purpose of canvassing the returns. The official returns, from which the above figures are taken, appear in tabulated form elsewhere in this paper.

R. S. McLaurin Dead.

A special from Brandon under date of August 22 says:

Sylvester McLaurin died at his home in this little city tonight about nine o'clock, aged about 49 years.

Mr. McLaurin had been confined to his home some time with what the attending physicians termed rheumatism of the heart, and it was known for the past few days that the end was near.

R. S. McLaurin, as is known, was a brother of United States Senator McLaurin, and for many years had occupied a prominent position and taken an active part in the affairs of this section of the State. He had been district attorney for nearly twenty years, but in the primary of August 1st was defeated for re-nomination.

Mr. McLaurin leaves a wife, but no children, six brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his untimely death.

Private John Allen Ill.

A special from Tupelo says: Private John Allen, former congressman and United States Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, who has been ill here for some time, is now in a critical condition, according to his physicians. Mr. Allen has been suffering with rheumatism for several years, and very recently complications have developed.

Gilbert Bound Over.

Eulas Gilbert, the white man accused of having shot and wounded three negroes, Will Vail, Arthur Anderson and Stonewall Jones, on the night of July 20th, had a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews last Wednesday, and was bound over in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury.

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